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Marginal Column

By a U.N. Correspondent

THE United Nations had a new Commander in Chief in Korea this week, but U.N. policy in the battle-torn peninsula remained unchanged; namely to repel and, if possible, end aggression and to work out a peaceful settlement on honourable terms. U.N. officials and delegates, commenting on President Truman's removal of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as United Nations Commander in Chief, generally agreed that the question of any peaceful settlement of the Korean conflict was still up to Peking. U.S. representative Warren R. Austen formally notified the U.N. Security Council that General MacArthur had been relieved "as the Commanding General of the military forces which the members of the United Nations have made available to the United Command under the United States, pursuant to the Security Council resolution of July 7, 1950," and that Lieutenant General Matthew B. Ridgway had been designated by President Truman as his successor.

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IN Paris, just before departing for Belgrade, U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie said the U.N. change of Commanders was "a matter of internal policy" and that the U.S., under the Security Council resolution, had the authority to make any changes it deemed necessary. Mr. Lie referred questioners to his statement of April 6 made at Lake Success just before he left for Paris. He said then he hoped there would be a cease fire in Korea soon, but emphasized "this is only a hope, it is not a prediction." There is no question about the attitude of the United Nations, he said, adding that "the question that remains unanswered is the present attitude of the other side. There has been no sign for many weeks that the North Koreans or those supporting them are willing to open negotiations for a cease fire." M. Lie then said "Unless and until there is such a sign, the United Nations has no alternative but to continue the fight to repel, and, if possible, end the aggression in Korea with all the force it can safely commit to that action."

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IN Belgrade on Thursday M. Lie had this to say of the "present situation": "I believe more strongly than ever that the U.N. can succeed in preserving and strengthening peace in the circumstances that exist today, provided that its potentialities for collective security on the one hand and for peaceful negotiated settlements on the other hand are fully used by the member governments with the support of their peoples."

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IN an effort to open these channels of negotiations, the U.N. General Assembly's three-man Committee of Good Offices met at the call of Assembly President Nasrollah Entezam of Iran. The purpose of the meeting was to see whether recent developments raised any new possibilities for negotiations. Later President Entezam told reporters that the Committee would have to see the Chinese Communist reaction before deciding on any new efforts to send a message to Peking. Even without this change, Mr. Entezam was quoted as saying, "we were waiting for an answer." Sven Grafstrom, Swedish member of the Committee, said the Swedish Ambassador in Peking had discussed the Good Offices Committee's efforts several times with responsible Chinese Communist Foreign Office representatives. The group of 12 Asian and Middle Eastern countries, which were joined by the Philippines last Thursday when they resumed consultations on a possible new approach toward a Korean settlement, was expected to meet again soon.

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THE appointment of Sir Arthur Rucker of the United Kingdom as Deputy Agent General of the U.N. Korean Reconstruction Agency was announced by J. Donald Kingsley, U.N. Agent General for Korea. Sir Arthur, who served as Deputy Director General of the International Refugee Organization under Mr. Kingsley, is now en route from IRO Headquarters in Geneva to Pusan where he will confer with the Unified Command and the U.N. Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.

U.N. New York, April 15.

U.S. Senate Body To Open Probe On Far East Policy

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (UP).—Republicans were demanding today that President Truman remove the "Top Secret" label from the correspondence files with General MacArthur, which would show, they claim, that the General was fired because he opposed appeasement in Asia.

MacArthur, packing for his journey home — he will emplane late Sunday night — was assured a hero's welcome and perhaps the opportunity to address Congress. He has been asked to present his case to the Senate Armed Services Committee, which voted unanimously to conduct a full-scale investigation of "all events" leading up to his dismissal.

The investigation will be opened on Wednesday with secret testimony by Defence Secretary George C. Marshall. General Marshall will be followed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of State Acheson, and MacArthur himself, provided he accepts the invitation.

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — General MacArthur today postponed a decision on his appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee pending arrangements for him to address the whole of Congress, Senator Richard Russel, the Committee's chairman, announced.

Entire Range

Republicans were confident they could prove that MacArthur had been sacrificed to the State Department "appeasers." Senator Styles Bridges, leading Republican member of the Committee, predicted the inquiry would start with military matters but quickly branch out into the diplomatic field. "It will cover the whole thing from hell to breakfast," he said.

President Truman said yesterday that it was "fitting" that Congress should hear General MacArthur, "one of our great military men," at a joint session.

In Fort Myers, Florida, the president of the Remington-Rand Typewriter Corporation announced that General MacArthur would join the board of directors of the firm within 90 days at a salary of $100,000 a year.

In Tokyo, Maj.-Gen. Courtney Whitney, Gen. MacArthur's closest adviser, who resigned his post as a result of his chief's dismissal, said yesterday that General MacArthur had never advocated or even considered the extension of the Korean war except "to a limited degree necessary to end it honourably and with minimum loss of life."

He said General MacArthur believes "appeasement would mean not less, but infinitely more ultimate bloodshed." It was General Whitney's second statement in two days on behalf of the former Supreme Commander. On Thursday, he denied that General MacArthur had ignored the directives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington which required that all foreign policy statements be cleared before publication.

Ridgway Takes Over

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — General Matthew Ridgway slipped quietly into Tokyo tonight on his second visit in as many days since his appointment as Supreme Commander.

This time he brought his baggage with him, indicating he is now ready to take over General MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters.

The new Supreme Commander told reporters, "I am fully alive to the tremendous responsibilities that have just become mine."

He asked reporters not to question him about plans for his new command as he had not yet had time to talk with his new staff in Tokyo.

Bevin Dead Of Heart Attack

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Ernest Bevin, former Foreign Secretary, died at his home tonight after a heart attack. He was 70. Mr. Bevin had resigned as Foreign Secretary for health reasons on March 9 and was succeeded by Mr. Herbert Morrison. Mr. Bevin remained in the Cabinet, however, as Lord Privy Seal and his influence remained strong, particularly in foreign affairs.

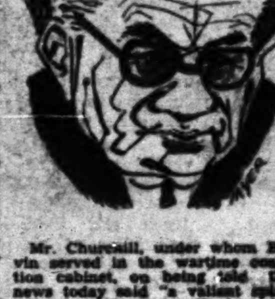
Mr. Bevin became suddenly ill this afternoon and members of his staff hastily summoned his doctor, Sir Alexander McCall. Mrs. Bevin, who was out during the afternoon, was also summoned by telephone.

He died shortly after 5 o'clock.

Mr. Bevin had been in poor health for a year. Last year he had two operations; one for haemorrhoids and one for an anal fistula. Recently he was stricken with pneumonia.

Yesterday he called on Mr. Attlee in a London hospital where the Premier is receiving treatment for a duodenal ulcer. Mr. Bevin was planning a "rest cure" trip to the Canary Islands, off the African coast, shortly. He was considering leaving next week and staying away for six weeks.

His death will mean a by-election in the London constituency of East Woolwich, which Mr. Bevin won for the Labour Party in the 1950 general election with a majority of 12,379 votes.



Mr. Churchill, under whom Bevin served in the wartime coalition cabinet, on being told the news today said "a valiant spirit has passed from us. He has his place among the great Foreign Secretaries of our country."

Abdul Fattah Amr Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador who returned to London today, said the people of the Middle East and the Egyptians in particular had lost "such a great friend."

Mr. Morrison, who succeeded Mr. Bevin as Foreign Secretary, said "We in the Government together with the labour movement throughout the world mourn his passing and we salute the memory of a great man. He worked patiently for peace and understanding."

Mr. Attlee, in a message from hospital, said Mr. Bevin had "laboured untiringly for peace. He is entitled to a large share of credit for the economic recovery of Europe and the making of the Atlantic Pact."

Opposition to Zionism Led To End of Mandate

The bulky slow-moving Socialist who became Britain's Foreign Minister at one of the most crucial periods in history began his career as a farm boy. He was born at Winsford, Somerset, on March 9, 1881. His farmhand father died before he was born. His mother, a general handywoman and midwife, died when he was four.

Then an aunt took him into her home. When still a child he was apprenticed to a farmer for a few pence a week and his keep. Bevin was a restless and strong-minded boy. At 13 he ran away to Bristol, the nearest city.

At the age of 20 he was secretary of a "right to work" committee of the unemployed in the port city. From then on trade union activities took up most of his time.

At the age of 30 he was chairman of a branch of the Dockers Union. Ten years later the boy who had little education except a few years in a village school was known throughout Britain as "the dockers K.C." (Kings Counsel).

Labour Leader

Two years later, by merging many small unions with the Dockers Union, he created the giant Transport and General Workers' Union, whose reins he held as General Secretary for 18 years. Now a mighty figure in the labour world, Bevin became Chairman of the Trades Union Congress and his influence began to be felt in national politics.

When Mr. Churchill formed his wartime national government in 1940 he chose Bevin as Minister of Labour and National Service.

The appointment was a big success. Fired with the task of uprooting a nation from their homes and normal lives, Bevin was able to get 25 million people out of a total population of 46 million into national service of some sort.

After the Labour victory of 1945, Bevin was appointed Foreign Secretary in the Attlee Cabinet. Immediately on his appointment he was plunged into the Potsdam negotiations and before long was leading the British delegation at the U.N. He fought problem after problem as the postwar world dissolved into turmoil.

He had no special training in diplomacy. His one big qualification was his experience as a negotiator acquired during years of trade union work. British Foreign Ministers in the past had been suave, elegantly tailored products of the public schools. He was an ex-farm boy with a rasping provincial accent and a blunt manner, plunged into the intrigues of international affairs at one of the toughest periods in history.

Criticism of his Palestine and Middle East policies from his own Labour followers in Parliament led him to complain he was being "stabbed in the back."

He entered negotiations with Russia with a hopeful comment "friendship and cooperation among the great powers are the surest basis on which to build a peace for all time." But he could reach no agreement with Russia over such questions as reparations and peace treaties with Germany and Austria.

The aspersions cast on Bevin's Palestine policy, however, were more than shabby conniving by political enemies. From the beginning he donned the threadbare garments of transitional Foreign Office Middle East policy, based on the assumption that only the "forgotten Arab" could serve as a suitable ally for the British and a faithful buffer to "Soviet aggression."

Obstinate arrogance and a decisive strain of anti-Semitism characterised his steps in obstructing Jewish immigration to Palestine, in bolstering the bullfrog aspirations of the Arab League, which he supplied with tangible arms and ideological ammunition, and in shielding his outlook with a blaring whispering campaign on "Jewish aggression" and "the Communist bastion in Jewish Palestine."

Even the de facto recognition of Israel a year after the foundation of the State came as a grudging concession to deadly opposition which grew up in his own ranks. At the crucial moment, when the Labour Government reeled under criticism of the Palestine policy, only the fervent pleas of Mr. Attlee and hasty retreat by Bevin, rationalized on grounds of political expediency, but bearing no germ of principial renouncement, were able to insure its continuation in office.

He became weary physically. It became more and more difficult to drag his 238 pounds up flights of stairs. He worked too hard, ate and smoked too much. Bevin had a wry sense of humour. Once, as confusion and trouble reigned over the world — ambushes in Indonesia, armed raids in Trieste, riots against Britain in Egypt — he remarked to his Cabinet colleagues, "If peace breaks out anywhere I'll let you know."

He liked the ordinary people of Britain to call him "Ernie."

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UN Makes Small Gains in Korea

TOKYO, Saturday, (AP). — South Korean Marines today controlled almost all the Ongjin Peninsula on the west coast of Korea.

A South Korean navy announcement said the Marines landed last Sunday on the south-east tip of the peninsula and seized the towns of Kumsan and Hwasan.

Drive Northward

The Marines operated in the area for several days with the aid of the South Korean Youth Corps, then drove northwards almost to Chinnampo, Yellow Sea port for the Communist capital of Pyongyang. Chinnampo is about 90 kms. north of the place where the landing was made.

Lt. Gen. James Van Fleet arrived in Korea today and took over command of Allied ground forces from Lt. Gen. Matthew Ridgway.

Allied troops under new command advanced generally along the 180-km. front in North Korea today, but counted their gains in metres.

Both sides in Korea are furiously stepping up the air war. The Communists are throwing in many more Russian type jets and building airstrips. The U.N. are running round-the-clock attacks — the 5th Air Force alone flew 4,410 sorties this week.

Counting their gains and losses of the past week's intensified air activity U.N. airmen tonight claimed the destruction or damage of 25 MIG 15 jets, more than 600 Communist road vehicles destroyed and 300 damaged. They also logged nine locomotives destroyed or damaged; 181 [illegible] destroyed and [illegible]; 300 damaged; 4,000 building attacks in Communist-held territory; 1,000 Communist troops killed or wounded [illegible] in line of battle.

MIZRAHI TO SELL $25m. IN BONDS

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA) — The Mizrahi Organization has announced the launching of a drive to sell $25m. worth of bonds. Its annual dinner on June 5 will attempt to raise $2m. in bond sales by admitting only persons who purchase a minimum of $2,500 worth.

The Greater New York Committee for the sale of Israel bonds will formally open the drive on Tuesday evening at a dinner attended by over 500 Jewish leaders at the Waldorf-Astoria. Israel Labour Minister Golda Myerson is expected to install Mr. Benjamin Abrams as President of the committee.

At a Madison Square Garden rally to be held on May 10 as a reception for Mr. Ben Gurion, and to mark the Israel Independence Day celebration and the formal nation-wide opening of the bond sale,

Persian Senate Backs Martial Law In Oilfields

TEHERAN, Saturday. — The Persian Premier, Hussein Ala, today presented his Government's programme to the Senate, including measures to restore order in the southern province of Khuzistan, where riots at the oil installations have cost a number of lives.

Two persons were reported killed today in a sympathy demonstration in the neighbouring province of Isfahan. The Senate acted after the Minister of Interior reported that a policeman had been killed in a demonstration at Isfahan in sympathy with the strikers in Khuzistan, in which Abadan is located. He said the police were forced to open fire after the demonstrators defied instructions. He said the workers carried the body of the dead worker away and turned it into the centre of a greater demonstration.

The toll of dead in the rioting is now 15, including three British employees of the Anglo-Iranian Company and an Italian seaman. Six British adults and two children were among some 20 persons injured.

The Senate unanimously approved the declaration of martial law in the area, although yesterday a stormy scene had followed an Opposition speaker's statement that in proclaiming martial law the Premier was serving the interests of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The Company reported today that strikers and pickets had thrown a human ring round its refineries at Abadan and only one-fourth of the 12,000 workers were able to get to their jobs.

In London, Mr. Morrison told a cheering House of Commons yesterday that he would not hesitate to send British warships to Iran if British lives were endangered. Three warships were already off the Iranian coast and two more were on the way. He added that landing troops in Iran might result in a clash with Russia under the terms of the 1921 Iran-Soviet Treaty.

British Cruiser

From Port Said, it was reported that a 5,770-ton British light cruiser Euryralus today passed through the Suez Canal en route to the Persian Gulf bearing 500 officers and men, and escorted by the 1,600-ton freighter "Surprise."

The British transport, Empire Prince, with 1,755 officers and men also steamed southward from the Mediterranean and was believed on its way to the Persian Gulf.

A Persian Government communique reported that the Cabinet had decided to send a "strong man," General Shahabakhi, to Abadan to deal with the situation. The Governor-General of the province has been relieved of his duties.

The security forces were taking measures to deal with the armed strikers but the strike was still spreading and there were indications of growing unrest among the tribes in the southern region, General Ali Gaizan, the Chief of Staff said.

(Reuter, UP)

Ring Found Selling Russia ECA Steel

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter). — British and U.S. officials here are ready to break up a giant international ring which is selling strategic goods, mainly steel, to Russia through Eastern Germany, Allied officials stated here today.

Over 100 West European firms are suspected of using Marshall Plan funds to manufacture strategic goods for export to the East. They face severe penalties.

The combine has been conducting illicit trade with the Soviet Union for over three years, and is reported to have over $80m. capital. Its head is alleged to be an Austrian who travels regularly between Austria, West Berlin and Switzerland.

The last yearly trade agreement restricted steel exports to East Germany to 300,000 tons but British officials here said that the annual sale had risen to 1,200,000 tons.

The drain of steel to the East means that the West German industry cannot keep delivery dates on U.S. and British armament orders. The Western powers are thus being beaten in their own market by the very power they are arming against. Western Germany is also providing the Soviet Union with reparation goods which should, if at all, only come from the Eastern zone.

De Ridder Report Published at U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday (INA). — Both Israel and Syria had threatened the U.N. with violence, the Truce Supervision Organization has reported to the U.N.

In an 18-page letter covering the period from March 28 through April 10, Colonel B.L. de Ridder, the Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, said that U.N. Observers and Syrians had visited an outpost near El Hamma and found evidence of nine bomb explosions and strafings. Five bomb craters were in Syrian territory, the report said, adding that a vehicle with a Red Crescent insignia was strafed and burned.

On April 6, the U.N. Observers were halted in the demilitarized zone by armed Israelis and were told "the next time they were found in that tract they would be shot," Colonel de Ridder said.

Soldier Shot, Taken to Jordan

An Israel soldier was wounded and taken prisoner when Arab Legionnaires entered Israel at Budros village, near Ramle, and opened fire at a small group of soldiers, it was announced last night. A protest has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission. The wounded man has been taken to Ramallah Hospital, according to Radio Ramallah.

The Jordan report claimed that 12 armed Jews entered the village and were repelled by national guardsmen.

The poor demarcation of the boundary in the central sector caused this illegal entry into Israel, the second of its type, it was said. The Jordan authorities have taken a "puzzling" position in not yet having agreed to the demarcation, an Israel military spokesman said.

The Legion has consistently refused to complete the demarcation in this area, the spokesman said. Villagers work land and graze cattle inside Israel with U.N. approval. Israel soldiers patrolling the area are fired upon by national guardsmen.

Probe of Guvrin Killing Today

A joint Israel-Jordan survey is scheduled to leave for Bet Guvrin tomorrow to complete their investigation into the incident in the area last week when an Israel soldier was killed, a U.N. spokesman said last night.

The Israel members of the team last Thursday waited for the U.N. and Jordan representatives at the appointed place and at the agreed time, but the latter did not appear.

The U.N. spokesman said, however, that the U.N. and Jordan members waited for more than an hour, but the Israelis did not appear. The U.N. official and the Jordanians then proceeded to the scene of the incident and began their investigation.

According to Radio Ramallah, an illustrated report on the two Arab infiltrators allegedly killed near Bet Guvrin 10 days ago and whose bodies were reputedly mutilated has been circulated to all consular and diplomatic missions in Amman and the Old City.

Hope of 'End in Sight' For Big Four Held Out

PARIS, Saturday (AP). —The Four Power deputies lunched together today and agreed to hold their next meeting next Tuesday, when some observers believe the end may be in sight.

M. Alexandre Parodi, the French delegate, was today's luncheon host and the meal was typically French—lengthy and abundant with good food and wine.

There will be no session on Monday because the British delegate, Mr. Ernest Davies, must attend a Council of Europe meeting in Paris on that day.

Swedish Appeal Drive Quota 1m. Kroner

Dr. Avraham Nissan, Israel Minister to Scandinavia, opened the United Israel Campaign in Stockholm recently. The Swedish quota for this year is one million kroner, approximately $180,000. Two hundred thousand kroner were volunteered at the opening meeting.

U.N. May Refer Dispute to MAC

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday. — The Security Council is not expected to take action in the Israel-Syria dispute at its meeting on Tuesday except to request the Mixed Armistice Commission to look into the problem and report its findings, according to informed sources here.

Britain and the U.S. sought to have Israel and Syria refer their dispute to the M.A.C. without Council action, but both sides demurred. As a result of private talks, Israel was to have agreed to the procedure under which the Council will put the dispute on its agenda for M.A.C. settlement.

The Syrian delegation is said to have approved the procedure also, but was awaiting final acceptance of the plan from Damascus. A similar procedure was followed last year when border disputes came before the Council.

Pakistan Support

Pakistan wholeheartedly supports Syria's cause in her present dispute with Israel and condemns Israel's breach of the armistice, the Pakistan Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, said in a message to the Syrian Premier, Khaled el Azzem, yesterday.

"We trust that the Security Council will take notice of the acts of naked aggression perpetrated by Israel and will take effective steps to safeguard the rights of Syria, thus preventing this incident from turning into a new conflagration," the message declared.

In Washington, the Egyptian Ambassador, Abdul Rahim, said that "what happens in Syria and Jordan will be felt and resented everywhere throughout the Moslem world." The Ambassador made the statement following a 40-minute conference with Mr. George McGhee, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern affairs.

Asked if he was hopeful of a peaceful settlement with Israel, the Ambassador replied that "we are for peace and have been peaceful. Whether we attain peace depends on the other party."

Upon his return to Damascus from Cairo, Colonel Adeeb Shishakly, the Syrian Deputy Chief of Staff, said that arrangements for Egyptian military aid to Syria were "completely satisfactory."

In Damascus, a Syrian military spokesman charged last week that Israelis had burned the village of Kirad Ghannama in the demilitarized zone northwest of Mishmar Hayarden after driving its inhabitants out. Big fires could be seen on Wednesday night, the Syrian spokesman claimed.

The U.S. Ambassador to Cairo, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, is to visit Israel, Syria and the Lebanon in connection with the present tension, Cairo Radio reported yesterday.

(UP, Reuter)

Syrian Fire Hits Guard

Three Syrian soldiers opened machine gun fire at an Israel policeman standing guard at the Bnot Ya'acov Bridge on the Israel-Syrian border and slightly wounded him at 6.15 yesterday morning, it was announced last night.

The policeman's replacement was fired upon a quarter of an hour later, but was not hit. A protest has been filed with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Our Tiberias correspondent reports that isolated shots during the past few days have been fired from Syria at the workers and constables near Mishmar Hayarden, the Khouri grove farther north, as well as at the Bridge. The fire has not been returned from the Israel side.

It is believed that the Syrians will take no drastic action while the dispute with Israel is under consideration at the Security Council. The Syrians feel that minor activity on their part will not aggravate their position, it is said.

Jews demolished all but three of the remaining houses in the Arab village of Bakara in the central Huleh area yesterday, according to a NEABS report quoting a Syrian military spokesman.

U.N. Observers who investigated after a protest was lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission, reported back to Colonel B.L. de Ridder, the Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, the spokesman said.

Syrians Blamed For Huleh Trouble

LONDON, Saturday, (Reuter). — It is clear that the trouble over Lake Huleh was started by the Syrians, according to this week's issue of the independent review "Time and Tide." The root cause of the trouble was the refusal of the Arab states to recognize that they had been defeated and that the Palestine war was over, the article said.

Referring to the Suez Canal question, "Time and Tide" said that it was impossible to buy Egypt's goodwill by appeasement. Withdrawal to bases in Jordan or Cyrenaica would only encourage Arab nationalists to demand further withdrawals.

2 Killed in Beirut Election Clash

The first Lebanese Parliamentary elections after an interval of five years will begin this morning and will continue for two days.

In spite of the order prohibiting the carrying of arms, two people were killed and eight were injured in Beirut yesterday when supporters of rival parties clashed.

A huge fire destroyed the fuel stores at Beirut airport, causing damage amounting to more than half a million Lebanese pounds, NEABS reported yesterday. An immediate investigation into the cause of the outbreak was ordered by Premier Aweini who visited the scene.

Egypt Receives British Proposals

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha, announced today that he had received from the British Ambassador proposals approved by the British Government as a basis for talks on a new Anglo-Egyptian agreement. The Premier made the announcement after presiding over a meeting of the ministerial political committee. He refused to disclose details and said the committee was meeting again today.

Observers think the proposals consist principally of an effort to reconcile Egypt's demands for the evacuation of British troops with the realities of the present international situation.

Unofficial London reports have said they provide for Britain's gradual evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone, but for return on the outbreak or imminence of war. Observers were of the opinion that the Sudan dispute, which had proved the second major stumbling block in the talks, would be relegated to second place in the attempt to settle the Suez question.

In London, it was reported that Amr Pasha, Egypt's Ambassador to Britain, was due to return to London after a month's talks with his Government on the proposed revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. Diplomatic circles here thought that if Amr Pasha brings a message from his Government, which was considered unlikely, it will do no more than restate Egyptian aspirations.

Meanwhile, Mustafa Nosrat, Egyptian Minister of War and Marine, has announced that the Egyptian navy would participate in British naval manoeuvres in the Mediterranean next week. He said joint manoeuvres proved useful training for the Egyptian [illegible] forces.

Syria Arrests 18 In Bombing Case

DAMASCUS, Saturday, (UP). — The Syrian Government today announced the arrest of 18 persons for complicity in dynamiting the home of the U.S. Minister here last month during the visit to Syria of Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee. Both Mr. Cavendish Cannon and Mr. McGhee were in residence at the time, but neither was hurt. Local newspapers charged the culprits were members of an organization of Palestine refugee terrorists.

Iraqi Bill Would Expel Jews

The Iraq Minister of the Interior would have the right to expel any Jew whose presence is considered undesirable or a threat to the country's security, according to a new draft law to be discussed by Parliament this week, ANA has reported.

SAMUEL IN AMMAN

Viscount Samuel crossed into Jordan at Mandelbaum Gate on Friday and lunched with King Abdullah at Amman. He returned to Israel the same day.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

President Truman told a Democratic Party rally last night that the U.S. was fighting in Korea to teach the Communist leaders that aggression would not be tolerated and to keep them from striking elsewhere. The choice was between fighting in Korea or fighting nearer home, he said.

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Social & Personal

Mr. Samuel Eliashiv, recently named Israel Minister to Moscow, returned yesterday from Prague where he had served as Minister to Czechoslovakia and Hungary. He is expected to leave for Moscow shortly.

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The members of the American Christian Palestine Committee study group were entertained to dinner by Mr. Aba Hushi, Mayor of Haifa, and members of the Municipal Council at the Zion Hotel on Friday. Yesterday they toured Galilee, and were the guests of the Military Governor and Mayor of Nazareth at a reception last night.

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Mr. John A.F. Ennals, Secretary-General of the World Federation of U.N. Associations, was received yesterday by U.N. personnel at Government House and by Prof. S. Brodetsky, President of the Hebrew University. On Friday he met Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, and Mr. S.Z. Shragai, Mayor of Jerusalem, and was guest speaker at a reception given by the Journalists' Association and the U.N. Association of Israel, which was presided over by Mr. Daniel Sher.

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The President and Vice-President and members of the International Baha'i Council entertained Government officials, members of the Consular Corps and friends at a reception of the Mansion of Baha'i, near Acre, on Friday afternoon. Among the hosts was Mme. Rabani, wife of His Eminence, Shogi Effendi, Head of Baha'i World Faith.

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Dr. Sterling A. Callisen, Dean of Education of the Metropolitan Museum of New York, was the guest last night at a dinner given in Tel Aviv by the Executive Committee of the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

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Mrs. Helen Fowler, of New York, Chairman of the U.S. Pan-Pacific Women's Association, has arrived in Israel for a brief visit on her return from the U.N. Conference of Non-Government Organizations at Istanbul.

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Mr. I. Kubowitzky, Managing director of the General Zionist Construction Fund, has returned to Israel from London, where he attended the annual General Zionist conference.

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Mrs. M. Bamberger, organiser of the Wizo home industries shops, has left for Britain to organize an Israel arts and crafts exhibition in connection with the Festival of Britain. The exhibition is being prepared by the British Wizo Federation, in cooperation with the Israel Ministry of Trade and Industry and the economic division of the Foreign Ministry.

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Mr. David Passow, press relations officer of the Weizmann Institute, has returned to Israel from a two-month trip to the U.S. in connection with Institute matters.

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The cornerstone of a cultural centre to be named after Michael Weizmann, son of President and Mrs. Weizmann who was killed while flying as a pilot with the R.A.F. during World War II, will be laid at Kfar Hanasi in Upper Galilee today. The kibbutz was founded by former members of the Habonim and Hehalutz movements in Britain.

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Mr. Aaron Copland lectured on "Music of the Americas" at the Shulamit Conservatoire hall in Tel Aviv on Friday under the auspices of the Music Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Israel Contemporary Music Centre. Among those present were the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis, and representatives of the British Council.

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Dr. Moses Barron, Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota, will lecture on "Glumerulonephritis Pathology and Pathological Physiology" under the auspices of the Medical Association at 7.45 this evening at the Kupat Holim Hall in Jerusalem.

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The Ministry of Education and Culture will hold a reception for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at 5.30 tomorrow afternoon on the occasion of its first Jerusalem concert after its return from the U.S. Walter Goehr, William Primrose, Aaron Copland and Prof. Max Rostal will be guests.

BIRTH

RIGBI — To Esther, wife of Dr. Zvi Rigbi, on April 14, 1951, in Jerusalem — a daughter.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SHALIF — JACOBS

Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Shalif of Jerusalem, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman M. Jacobs, of Manchester, take pleasure in inviting their relatives and friends to the wedding of their children, Avia and Ruth, which will take place on Tuesday, April 17, 1951, at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem, at 3.30 p.m. Reception follows till 7 p.m. This is the only intimation.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Haim Simon, Haifa, and Mr. and Mrs. Arieh Kipnis, wish to thank all friends for the congratulations extended on the occasion of the latter's wedding.

Control Needed in Chaos Of Detergents Market

By John Elisheig

The uncontrolled market in detergents — soapless dishwashing and laundering agents — has led to a chaotic state of affairs. Some months ago, the Shell Company imported a considerable quantity of the concentrated liquid detergent, "Teepol X." It was freely distributed among many "manufacturers" who had only to dilute the material as they saw fit and to market their "product."

At the same time, local producers of detergents were handicapped by a lack of raw materials and were restricted by controls which affected the whole manufacturing process. Countless "manufacturers" sprang up to fill the gap in the market. Their products are diluted to an unlimited extent and sold under a variety of names and the labels generally do not identify the producer. Sometimes the product has a fancy name and in exceptional cases, the place of manufacture is mentioned. In any case, it is usually impossible to know who the producer is.

Everybody Satisfied

Retail sale is quite simple and smooth. The housewife asks her grocer for her favourite brand of liquid detergent and since it is not available, she gets the substitute which she accepts indiscriminately. This practice is bolstered by the panic of the housewife who would rather accept a bottle of an absolutely worthless stuff at an exaggerated price than leave the shop empty-handed. Everybody is satisfied: the grocer whose turnover is unaffected by the shortage of a good brand, the housewife who gets her bottle, and the "manufacturer" who will continue in business.

This is one case where responsible manufacturers have been strong in their demand for controls. There is no justification for the sale of an inferior product to the disadvantage of the housewife and honest manufacturer alike when the manufacture and sale of soap is so carefully controlled.

The timely intervention of the authorities could have eased the emergency instead of producing chaos. It is imperative that detergents be standardized and that all labels indicate the active ingredients as well as the full name and address of the manufacturer.

The policy of fixing the price of the detergent without setting a standard is of no value. When standardization and labelling has been accomplished, the consumer will know by the label what he is getting and he will also be able to act as his own price controller.

Day of Reckoning

In this matter, the responsible manufacturer is an interested party. The day will come when the public will be fed up with the detergents they are getting for their money and the name-brand producer will suffer. Such a "crisis" developed in the U.S. when large quantities of inferior products were dumped on the market. Consumers turned back to soap and refused to have anything to do with detergents. To counteract this trend, manufacturers had to produce highly concentrated detergents which overcame the public distrust.

One leading wholesaler, when faced by a decrease in supplies owing to a lack of raw materials, asked a manufacturer to keep up the quantity he was turning out at the cost of diluting the product. It is the government's task to impose controls and to regulate production for the protection of the consumer.

J'lem Economic Company May Join Electric Corporation

By Robert Gary

The Jerusalem Economic Corporation is reportedly attempting to raise sufficient funds abroad to permit it to invest new capital valued at 40 per cent. of the shares of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation. The foreign currency will be used to purchase new machinery that is needed to assure the capital city uninterrupted and expanded service. Negotiations between the Economic Corporation, the electric company, the Municipality and Government have been in progress for a long time.

A rise in electricity rates was permitted last Fall with the understanding that the company would then attract foreign investments. When this move failed, new conferences were started by the agencies concerned.

As a temporary measure the Palestine Electric Corporation was ordered to extend its lines from Kfar Uriah to Saris which would increase the capital's supply of 10,000 kilowatts by an additional 2,500 kilowatts. This line is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

While the Jerusalem Electric Corporation's existing equipment is badly in need of replacements it is thought that it would hold out until the new line is ready. Experts believe that only the mildness of the winter this year prevented a major breakdown of the overworked and aged equipment.

The electric company has recognized the need for new machinery and has been taking all possible steps to secure replacements. The company reportedly would welcome the partnership with the Economic Corporation.

ON THE AIR

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6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music (R). 11.00 Musical Calendar (R). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 3.15 Service from the Salesian Church, Haifa.

4.00 p.m. Programs for Yemenites. 4.30 Dance Music (R). 4.45 Recital: Fina Sidi-Alfandri & Hans Hurtig. 5.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Light Music (R). 5.30 Film Review. 5.45 Music Programme, Announcements. 6.15 Message from Immigrants. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Agricultural Corner. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.40 Commentaries. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: George Singer, Soloist: William Primrose: Symphony "La Reine" (Haydn); Viola Concerto (Bartok). 9.30 "The Citizen Wants to Know...." 9.45 From the World of Music." 10.30 "On a Desert Island." 11.00 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.20 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Rumanian; 8.15 p.m. Hungarian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 11.15 M. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column" by W. Eytan. 11.45 "Moetzet Hapoalot."

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Jerusalem Sport Re-Awakens

Sport in Israel's Capital, Jerusalem, has re-awakened in recent months through the enthusiasm of the local Hapoel and Maccabi branches, the verve of the sports section of the Hebrew University Students Association, the backing and facilities of the Y.M.C.A.'s courts and pitches, and sports events have become a regular feature of the City's life.

Jerusalem Maccabi have recently instituted a drive for new members, and many have joined the new classes started in many sports. Local Executive members recently met members of the ruling body in Israel, the W.M.U., to discuss their plans for expanding the movement's activities, and the Maccabi Congress which is to be held in the Capital.

Mr. Gut, Chairman of the Jerusalem Maccabi, has issued a call to all veteran Maccabi members to help in the expansion programme. Mr. Shimon Caspi is spear-heading the recruiting drive and the setting up of new classes.

With the energy being put into reviving Jerusalem's sports life by Jerusalem Hapoel and the H.U. body, and new by Maccabi, the Capital's athletes will soon rival their competitors from the rest of the State. In all recent country-wide competitions, such as the Hapoel athletic meet at the "Y" last week, the 10th National Hapoel Basket and Volleyball Championships, Jerusalem sportsmen, women, boys and girls, gained prominent places, while Jerusalem Hapoel's soccer set-up has proved itself in the current Histadrut Cup competition, gaining third spot to date, and giving their nearest rivals, Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva Hapoel, something to worry about.

A.K.

Mondshine Slated For Israel Stay

Irving Mondshine, former American Decathlon champion, who trained the American contingent for the Third Maccabiah last year, will be coming to Israel at the invitation of the Physical Training Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture, to train selected local athletes and trainers in light athletics.

After a varied career at baseball, American football and basketball, Mondshine turned to track and field events on the advice of his trainers and entered the arena in the Decathlon event. In 1944 he carried the strenuous ten-event American championship with a total of 5,748 points. Two years later, in 1946, he was again champion, this time with 6,466 points, and again in 1947 with 6,715 points. Among his efforts, Mondshine cleared 2.02 metres in the high jump, 7.30 metres in the long jump, 3.60 metres at the pole vault, and put the shot 14.56 metres.

When here with the U.S. team during the last Maccabiah, Mondshine expressed the desire to return to Israel to train Israel athletes, and was a favourite with all participants and officials because of his impartial helpful attitude towards all athletic performers.

As part of a long-term policy it is hoped to continue the plans to bring top-line coaches from abroad to train local athletes and the P.T. Department is to be commended on having persuaded one of the stature and capabilities of Mondshine to come here, Israel sport will gain much from this visit if our sportsmen and women are prepared to learn from someone who really knows.

Big Dipper Scratched

The American book favourite for England's 3-year-old classics, Big Dipper, was scratched last week from the first of them, the Two Thousand Guineas. The race will be run at Newmarket on May 2. Trainer Cecil Boyd Rochfort decided that the colt, property of tobacco heiress, Josephine Bryce, would not be ready for the engagement because of a ligament strain suffered five weeks previously. Boyd Rochfort will rely instead on another colt in his string, Turco II, owned by New Yorker, William Woodward. Big Dipper is still first choice for the famous Epsom Derby.

Local Soccer Results

Histadrut Cup

T.A. Hapoel	6	J'lem Hap.	0
R. Gan Hap.	7	Rishon l'Zion Hapoel	0

Yad Le'assera Cup

Hamifon T.A. Maccabi	2	Jerusalem Maccabi	0

Haemek League

Beisan Hapoel	2	Hap. Balfouria	0
Hap. Ein Harod-Tel Yosef	8	Hapoel Affuleh	4
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Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 3-6: Retrospective Exhibition: Albert Marquet (1875-1947); Exhibit of the Month: Small silver jewel casket from Ferrara: Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of Ten: Artists' House.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 5-7: Ceramics by Jean David: Mikra Studio, 56 Rehov Allenby.

10-4: Works by Israel Artists: Tel Aviv Museum.

8.30 p.m.: "Hotel de Commerce": Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall.

8.45 p.m.: "Special Appeal": Li-La-Lo, Jasha Heifetz Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-6.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Wessan Shukri Street.

10-12; 4-8: Paintings by Moshe Mokady, Histadrut Hall, Rehov Keller, Mt. Carmel.

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*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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Five-year-old Moshe Obadia was seriously injured when he fell into an unfenced cesspit at Migdal Gad on Thursday. He was taken to the hospital at Zerifim.

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A committee to supervise institutions for chronically sick and disabled persons was set up by representatives of the Ministry of Welfare, the Ministry of Health, Malben, and local authorities in Jerusalem last week.

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A recorded broadcast of the concert given by the Israel pianist Menachem Pressler and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in the U.S. last week will be heard over the Kol Yisrael at 12.30 p.m. tomorrow.

KUPAT HOLIM BUDGET CLIMBS

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Kupat Holim's budget for 1951 amounts to IL.10.5m., a 50 per cent increase over last year.

The 1949 budget was IL.4.5m. Twelve per cent of the budget is covered by the Ministry of Health and local authorities.

Since May, 1948, the number of people cared for by the Sick Fund has increased from 320,000 to 680,000. The Fund has 683 clinics and another 223 are to be added during the year.

Part of Hadar Without Water

HAIFA, Saturday. — The upper quarters of Hadar Hacarmel will remain without water until tomorrow, following a break in a main in Rehov Arlosoroff, near Gan Binyamin, that occurred today.

Repair work will go on through the night, the Hadar Hacarmel Committee announced this evening.

Repairmen were stopped at five o'clock by Sabbath zealots and had to wait until nightfall to resume the work which had begun at 2 p.m.

Dockers Asked To Speed Up Work

HAIFA, Saturday. — An appeal to the dock workers at Haifa port to raise their output in the public interest and to speed up the unloading of essential foodstuffs awaiting discharge from ships for distribution in time for Passover, was issued today by the Haifa Labour Council and the Port Workers Union.

Haifa port facilities do not permit a substantial increase in the number of dockers, the appeal said.

Haifa port workers gained substantial wage increases after they slowed down their working speed for several days recently. A consignment of 1,700 crates of Turkish eggs is expected in Haifa tomorrow.

New Road To Bat Yam Open

JAFFA, Saturday. — The new road linking Tel Aviv-Jaffa with the Bat Yam bathing beach was opened to traffic yesterday. The bathing season at Bat Yam is due to open on May 1, and new dressing cabins as well as huts which may be hired by the day have been set up.

4 Soldiers Reported Killed in Accidents

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — Two reservists, Moshe Asvellis and Joseph Seneh, who were killed on Thursday evening when their vehicle overturned on the Safad-Acre road were buried here yesterday.

Two soldiers, Shmuel Palgi and Moshe Nagari, who met their death in an accident while on duty, were buried in Haifa yesterday.

Woman, 80, Found Dead in Grove

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — The body of Bella Fischman, 80, who disappeared from the Old Age Home here three weeks ago, was found today in the orange grove of Mr. E. Feuerstein on the outskirts of this township. She had been dead some time. It is believed that she lost her way in the grove and died of exhaustion.

Hadera Man Hurt In Blaze

HADERA, Saturday.—A man was seriously injured and the entire second floor of a two-story building was gutted here this morning when sparks from a chimney set fire to an old mattress lying on the roof of the building. The man was injured when he fell from the roof to the ground below while trying to put out the blaze.

The Nathanya Fire Brigade came to the help of the local Brigade, but extensive damage was done before the flames were brought under control. The two families living on the top floor lost all their belongings, but a carpenter's shop on the ground floor was saved, mainly by the quick action of neighbours who dragged the timber into the street.

Foremen's Neglect Caused Death, Inspector Testifies

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Failure to shore up properly an excavation caused the death of a worker during sewage construction here, according to the testimony of a Ministry of Labour inspector given in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

Two Solel Boneh foremen, Faivel Efron and Shmuel Biebring, are charged with negligence in connection with work in Rehov Hagdud Haivri here in August, 1949.

According to the witness, Mr. A. Goldberg, the walls of the excavation and a dredger which was standing at the edge fell upon a worker who had tried to save another labourer trapped by an earlier cave-in. The first victim survived, while the second man, Arieh Landau, was killed.

Efron admitted that he had miscalculated the strength of the earth and the proper location for shoring, Mr. Goldberg said. The hearing will be resumed on April 25.

Father Appeals Against Expulsion of Son

An order of expulsion issued last Wednesday against Mussah Moassa, 15, of Kfar Fredis, near Zichron Ya'acov, was challenged by the father of the youth in the High Court in Jerusalem on Friday.

The Court granted the applicant an order nisi against the Minister of Immigration and various police authorities. The Court is to be informed why the order of expulsion should not be withdrawn, why Mussah Moassa should not be permitted to live with his parents in Israel, and why the respondents should not be prevented from deporting him.

Ali Mussah Moassa, the father, claims that he and his wife are inhabitants of Israel. When his son returned home half a year ago, after being driven from village to village during the war, the applicant notified the Department of Minorities, as well as the police.

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List of Firms Licensed to Deal In Gold To Be Published Today

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The list of registered firms licensed to deal in gold will be published tomorrow. With the exception of one private firm which has been dealing in gold for many years, all the other licensees will be banks, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told newsmen here yesterday. The price of gold would be fixed by the Knesset Finance Committee.

Announcing other steps in the anti-inflation drive, Mr. Kaplan said that banks had been requested to reduce credits to not more than 50 per cent of old deposits and 25 per cent of new deposits. Furthermore, they had been asked to make a qualitative selection of credits, advancing money only for purchases of essential stocks and cutting down the possibility of private hoarding.

No credits would be allowed against gold or foreign securities, which should be handed in to banks in return for dollar pegged bonds. Credits to builders would also be radically reduced, in order to channel as much work as possible into the construction of low-cost mass housing and to stop or reduce the practice of builders putting up cooperative building and then selling the apartments at high prices.

Saving Bonds

Other measures to stem the inflationary tendency include the issue of non-negotiable savings bonds redeemable after eight years and paying two and a half per cent interest. This is expected to withdraw large sums from private circulation and to provide the Government with capital for defence or development expenditure and to provide the population with a medium for savings with a guaranteed dollar value. After eight years these bonds may be cashed or exchanged for 3½ per cent Government bonds redeemable after another ten years. If the currency market is free at that time, these bonds will be payable in dollars, if not, in Israel currency at a guaranteed dollar value.

Since the beginning of this month the Government has issued no Treasury Bills, in accordance with its previous declaration, Mr. Kaplan said. Last week's currency statement showed an increase in Treasury Bills only because banks had cashed with the Government those they held to meet the increased demands for cash because of Passover bonuses and purchases.

Income of IL.66m.

Government income for the past year, according to a provisional balance, amounted to IL.65.5m and was expected to reach IL.66m. the Finance Minister said. This would enable a further IL.2m. or IL.3m. to be taken from the Ordinary Budget to help cover the Defence Budget, which was not expected to increase this year, if no "world upheaval" intervenes.

The policy of covering as much of the Defence Budget as possible from the ordinary budget or from savings, and not from Treasury Bills, would be continued, Mr. Kaplan promised. The six-month Development Budget which had been presented to the Knesset should not be taken as an indication of the complete budget for the year, because of the difference between constructive and productive investments.

Mr. Kaplan was optimistic about the results of the bond drive in the U.S., and said that the Government had agreed to place at the disposal of the drive any person in Israel requested from America. Local production would be stepped up as a result of the drive, to build up a stockpile of food and essential commodities here. While this country's wheat allocation from the International Wheat Board last year was 10,000 tons a month, this year the Government was asking for an annual allocation of 200,000 tons, but the price had risen by some 20 per cent, Mr. Kaplan warned.

In reply to questions the Finance Minister said that 61 per cent of textile points recently issued had already been drawn from central stocks, in addition to special military, police and institutional allocations. Mr. Kaplan also said that, according to his latest information, no private persons or firms had yet applied for participation in the Negev development companies, but some interest had been shown in chemical projects. No individual mining or prospecting rights would be given to applicants abroad, Mr. Kaplan said.

$9.5m. Brought in By Non-Pay Imports

The Non-Payment Import scheme has so far brought in $9.5m., Mr. Kaplan told the press on Friday.

A special committee is now investigating ways by which new immigrants can deposit their savings in foreign currency abroad, and make use of them here through the scheme.

£2.5m. Credit For Ship

HAIFA, Saturday.—The British Treasury has approved a £2.5m. credit of seven years for the construction of a passenger liner for Shoham, Ltd., for transatlantic service, Mr. S. Shind of the Shoham Directorate told the Haifa Maritime Club yesterday.

He also announced that one of the two fruit carriers under construction in Dutch shipyards is almost completed and will be launched under the name of s.s. Rimon. The order of the two ships was made possible through long-term credits advanced by Dutch bankers.

Israel, Dutch Trade Relations Hit Snag

TEL AVIV, Saturday, (ITIM). —Trade relations between Israel and the Netherlands were described by the Netherlands Minister to Israel, Jonkheer M. P. M. van Karnebeek, speaking at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial Club here yesterday.

Although certain difficulties had been experienced in the implementation of the trade agreement signed by the two countries, it was extended for another six months until July. The difficulties, the Minister said, included the fact that a number of the items specified for Israel imports from the Netherlands did not come within the scope of an austerity regime. There were also difficulties in connection with the transfer of Zionist funds which covered part of the payments.

The agreement was for the import from Holland of IL.2m worth of goods, to be covered to the extent of one-third by Israel exports, one-third by the transfer of funds and the balance by dollar payments. Israel's trade difficulties had increased of late, the Minister observed, adding that the non-payment import scheme appeared a reasonable way out of the impasse.

Ma'barot Building Plans To Be Enlarged

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The number of dwelling units in *ma'barot* will be doubled by the end of July, the Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency announced yesterday.

During the next four months 21,865 units are to be added bringing the total number to 45,000 units.

To cope with the mass immigration, existing *ma'barot* will be enlarged and new ones will be established.

The Kiriyat Shmoneh ma'bara in Upper Galilee, which is to be a township, will have 700 additional dwelling units, bringing its total to 1,550 units with a population of nearly 4,000. Nearly 3,000 units will be added to camps in the Haifa area.

The building programme from now until the end of July includes the construction of 5,400 wooden huts, 6,300 metal huts, 4,915 canvas-walled structures and 5,250 tents.

No Ma'bara to Be Built At Ein Ganim

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — The Government has revoked its decision to requisition lands of Ein Ganim residents for the construction of a *ma'bara*.

Last week when Jewish Agency officials began erecting tents, owners of the plots and villagers began ploughing the area to prevent the work from continuing. Both parties were ordered by police to stop work.

The owners of plots filed a complaint with the District Court, but the case has not yet been heard and is expected to be cancelled.

JNF TEACHERS' COUNCIL TO MEET IN JERUSALEM

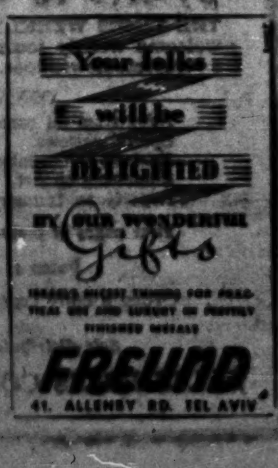
A national conference of the Jewish National Fund Teachers' Council will be opened by Dr. Avraham Granott, Chairman of the J.N.F., at 7.30 tomorrow evening at the Beit Hakerem Teachers' Seminar in Jerusalem.

The conference will continue through Tuesday evening.

EGYPT'S TRADE DEFICIT

Egypt's trade deficit in 1950 was LE.39.7m., as compared with LE.13m. in 1947, LE.30m. in 1948, and LE.30m. in 1949.

Exports during 1950 amounted to LE.175.1m. and imports totalled LE.214.8m., cotton represented 86 per cent of the total exports. The above figures do not include imports of military equipment.



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Heat Hits Tel Aviv, Ten Affected

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Heat that sent the thermometer soaring to [illegible] degrees drove thousands of Tel Aviv citizens to the sea front and the sidewalk cafes here today.

Ten persons fainted and were given first aid at the Magen David Adom. Most of them had gone walking without a head cover.

The season's hottest khamsin also resulted in minor brush fires in the Yad Eliyahu quarter and near the Yarkon river today. They were quickly put out by the Fire Brigade.

Punish Profiteers Heavily, Says Court

Declaring that it was more important to impose severe punishment on large-scale black marketeers than on minor offenders, the Jerusalem District Court on Friday refused to increase a sentence fining Mr. Reuven Danun, of Jerusalem, a shoemaker, IL.2,500 and binding him over in IL.50 bond to be of good behaviour for six months.

The accused had sold about three kilograms of leather for IL.2,500 and had been sentenced by the Anti-Profiteering Tribunal. When the Prosecution appealed against the sentence, the Court composed of Dr. Halevi, President, and Judges Many and Eisenberg, declined to intervene.

Haim Preiss, a merchant of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to two weeks imprisonment and fined IL.2,000 by the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court on Friday for having sold more than 120,000 packets of steel wool last year at excessive prices.

Youth House Named For Czech Zionist

REHOVOT, Saturday. — The Hannah Steiner youth house, named after the Zionist leader and founder of the Wizo Federation in Czechoslovakia, who died in the Oswiecim camp, was inaugurated on Thursday at the Ayanot Agricultural School run by Wizo and the Women Workers' Council.

A memorial plaque on the building, which accommodates 55 young immigrants together with their instructors, was unveiled by Mrs. Steiner's son and sister.

GHETTO FIGHTERS, PARTISANS MEET

JAFFA, Saturday. — Former ghetto fighters and partisans from Poland and Lithuania gathered in the Zill Cinema here last night to attend a special meeting called by Mapai in memory of those who fell during World War II. Dr. Leon Bernstein, a partisan leader from Lithuania, said that many of the partisans who survived were now in Israel.

FOREST CERTIFICATE GIVEN TO PRESIDENT

A certificate noting the inauguration of the President's Forest was presented to the President at his home in Rehovot, following the ceremony at Eshtaol on Thursday.

The delegation which presented the certificate was made up of Mr. A. Granott, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund Board of Directors; Viscount Samuel, Honorary President of the President's Forest Committee in Britain; Lord Nathan of Churt, Chairman of the Committee; Mr. Joseph Weitz, Director of the Land and Afforestation Department in the J.N.F.; Mr. S. Gestetner, Chairman of the J.N.F. in England; Mr. A. Rice, former President of the J.N.F. in England; Dr. A. Kamini, Chairman of Israel J.N.F.

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Iraq Government Asks For Higher Oil Royalties

LONDON, Friday, (Reuter). — The Iraq Government has filed a writ [illegible] against the Iraq Petroleum Company claiming higher royalties, it is learned here. Iraq received royalties on the basis of approximately [illegible] shillings per ton in gold at the official gold rate. Iraq claims that the free market rate of gold would give her more.

The company agreed last August that the question should be settled by reference to a British court. The government has now taken action to get its case referred to a London court. The company will be bound by the decision. Though the free market rate of gold fluctuates, it would give the Iraqis up to 20 per cent more than they get from the fixed rate. The International Monetary Fund, of which both Britain and Iraq are members, lays down that all international dealings must be based on official gold prices.

The Iraq Government announced in Baghdad last week that the company had agreed that Iraq's revenue should not be less than that of Saudi Arabia and Persia, but the company [illegible] in London declined to confirm this report. Saudi Arabia gets royalties on a 50-50 basis. Persia's claims were under discussion when the Teheran Parliament decided to nationalise the oil industry.

Dr. Nadim al-Pachachi, director of the Iraq Economics Ministry, is now in London to discuss his Government's legal claim.

The Iraqi Parliament is to discuss this week a resolution submitted by [illegible] members demanding the immediate nationalisation of oil resources in the country, NEABS reports from Baghdad. The group said they were ready to fight this issue to the very end, even if they failed this time.

Voice of America In Hebrew Today

NEW YORK, Saturday (USIS). — The Voice of America will inaugurate a daily 30-minute broadcast tomorrow (Sunday) in Hebrew, increasing to 30 the number of languages and dialects used in its world-wide broadcasting service.

In making the announcement the State Department said, "The initial programme will include messages from President Truman; George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African affairs; Senator Herbert Lehman and Mr. Aba Eban, Israel Ambassador.

"Subsequent broadcasts will contain news analyses, features and music. Features will consist of interviews with Israelis in America, Americans, talks by Israelis, and economic, agricultural, labour, scientific, cultural and dramatic programmes."

The programme will be broadcast on short-wave from the U.S. on four frequencies from 8.00 to 8.30 p.m. Israel time, and will be relayed by the relay base at Tangier. Dr. Sidney Glazer, who has been with the Near East section of Voice of America, will be chief of the Hebrew unit.

Nebi Mussa Observance Prohibited by Jordan

For the third consecutive year, the Jordan Government for "reasons of security" has forbidden the Nebi Mussa pilgrimage to Jordan, and the encampment of the pilgrims near the Dead Sea, "Falastin" reported yesterday.

Nebi Mussa, which usually coincides with Passover and Easter, was instituted by Salah-ed-Din during the period of the Crusades to counter-balance the influx of Jews and Christians to the Holy Land during the festival season.

It is believed that the Jordan Government has forbidden the processions, which used to draw thousands of persons, to avoid clashes between refugees, pro-Mufti, and Communist elements.

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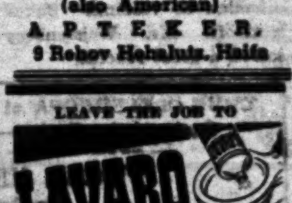

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Expropriation Of 'Prensa' Passed

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (Reuter). — The expropriation of the 82-year-old independent newspaper "La Prensa" has been unanimously approved by the Argentine Senate.

The Chamber of Deputies approved the bill on Wednesday night and it will now be forwarded to President Juan Peron for signature. "La Prensa" was closed down on January 26. Senor Peron has indicated that he is determined to end "La Prensa"'s existence as an opposition organ.

NEWSPRINT SHORTAGE

Cairo newspapers, suffering from the world shortage of newsprint, reduced their issues from 12 pages to six last week. Even the largest papers, "Al Ahram" and "Al Misri," are now printing all but the front page in small type.

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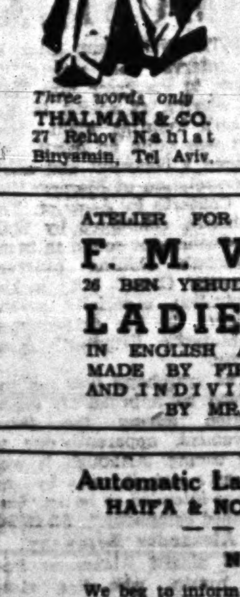

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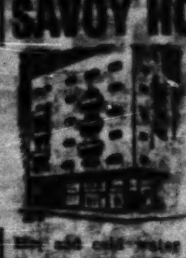

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Cables in Brief

KOREA TROOPS. — The British War Office refused to comment yesterday on a London newspaper report that 5,000 more U.K. troops would be sent to Korea later this month, thus enabling the formation of a British Commonwealth infantry division with artillery support.

TRANSPORT. — The Council of Europe Transport Committee has adopted a plan to establish a European Transport Pool. The plan's object is to assure the most complete utilisation of all means of transport and to avoid ruinous competition and useless expense.

U.S. DIAMOND INDUSTRY ASKS STUDY OF SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (UP). — The Industrial Diamonds Industry Advisory Committee has asked the National Production Authority to appoint a sub-committee to investigate the supply and demand situation as it affects industrial diamonds in the U.S.

The Committee said there was a lack of authoritative information on imports of industrial diamonds and the volume of demand by types and sizes. Some importers reported relatively little trouble in meeting reasonable demands.

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BEVIN

FORTUNATELY Mr. Ernest Bevin lived to see an improvement in relations between Britain and Israel, which had deteriorated so sadly during the early part of his term of office as Britain's Foreign Secretary. Thus, in marking his passing today it is less difficult to give a more objective evaluation of the man and his work as architect of British foreign policy in the critical post-Potsdam period than would have been possible here a few years ago. This is fortunate all the more since Mr. Bevin had commanded tremendous authority among foreign ministers and, in the words of "The Times," it was not the least of his assets that he was "able to gain and retain through disagreements the respect and confidence of foreign statesmen and diplomats."

Bevin made two mistakes—in backing the Arabs against the Jews in Palestine and in believing that the administration of Germany might "become a bond of union between Russia and the Western Powers." In both cases Bevin was blamed for showing emotional prejudice and obstinacy. Thus in the Middle East, key point of Commonwealth communications, he risked straining relations between Britain and the United States to adhere to what he believed would in the long run be a realistic policy for the West. It was based on the fact that the great majority of the inhabitants of the Middle East are Arabs, and it brought him criticism from all quarters, not least from within his own Labour Party. He undoubtedly misjudged the balance of local forces. He suffered defeat and created avoidable ill will, but he did not do irreparable damage to Anglo-Israel relations. With the establishment of the State, Israel found Mr. Bevin harbouring no resentments — and whatever resentments were harboured on this side were more easily forgotten in the flush of victory — and in any case relations today between Israel and Britain are notably good.

It is worth recalling today that Mr. Bevin began the career that was to make him a world figure when he was nearing sixty, after having attained a long record of achievement as a trade union statesman. This new career began in 1940, when as Minister of Labour he had the task of mobilizing Britain's manpower for a total war effort. His success in this task belongs to history. But apart from his departmental duties, Mr. Bevin became during the war years one of the most important members of the Cabinet with an increasing influence on general war policy. His speech on foreign affairs at the Labour Party Congress in May, 1945, which ended the Coalition and led to the General Election of that year, somewhat prepared the public for the new role in which he emerged after the election: that of Foreign Secretary.

It is as the British Foreign Secretary in the critical years 1945-50 that Ernest Bevin became a world figure, and it is on his record during these years that he will be judged by history. His conduct of affairs was in many respects controversial. In one respect, however, admirers and critics are agreed. To a quite unusual degree, he personally determined Britain's international policy during his term of office and, thereby, influenced the course of world affairs at a critical turning-point of history. It is certain that, but for Ernest Bevin, the shape of the world today would, for good or ill, be different from what it is. Nor will there be many to deny that this unschooled and unconventional Foreign Secretary has been the most powerful personality to occupy his office for many decades; no British Foreign Secretary has so imposed his personality on the consciousness of the world since the days of Palmerston, as has this "working-class John Bull."

PRESIDENT'S FOREST PLANTED IN CORRIDOR

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, speaking at a ceremony in the Judean Hills last Thursday, when the first saplings were planted in the forest in honour of Dr. Weizmann. Seated from left to right are: Rav Aloof Yigael Yadin, Chief Rabbi Uziel, Dr. A. Granott, Mrs. Weizmann, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, Viscount Samuel, Mr. S. Gestetner and Mr. J. Weitz. Photo by Braun.

Blind Village Makes Progress

By Ruth Cale

THE "Village of the Blind," near Gedera, is now only seven months old, but has already made considerable progress.

It is true that, as the absorption of the 180 inhabitants, including 61 persons without eyesight, progresses, unexpected problems arise. It is a social experiment which has only been tried once before anywhere in the world. It was tried in Eastern Europe, and it failed. The pessimists said that putting so many blind people together would make a depressing atmosphere. The people in "Kfar Ivrim" are, however, slowly coming to realize that they have great responsibilities and will become independent of charity.

Economically, the small village of Swedish prefabricated houses seems to be doing well. The brush, wicker and mattress industries are flourishing, and the quality of the products has improved considerably with the workers' growing experience. Since the first inhabitants arrived last summer, electricity has been installed. Vegetable gardens surround the living quarters, and two solid cement houses which are nearing completion, will serve as factories.

"When the plan to set up a village for the blind was first discussed, the Jewish Agency proposed to take the people to Gedera, build houses for them and give them IL.30 a month while learning trades," said Mr. Charles Passman, Israel head of the J.D.C. and Malben, which established the community in conjunction with the Government and the Agency. He had opposed this scheme, because he thought that once the people received money for nothing, it would be more difficult to train them. Instead, the blind were assembled in one immigrant camp where they learned their trades (while being supported by the authorities). When sufficiently trained, they moved to Kfar Ivrim and immediately began to earn their living."

The blind are still being looked after by Malben and other authorities who market their goods for them, purchase raw materials and provide workshops. Later, when they are organized into a proper cooperative, they will have to take full responsibility for themselves. Mr. Passman wants each blind person to learn a second trade, in case the demand for mattresses and wicker and brush goods decreases.

Auxiliary Farms

Most of the blind come from the Yemen, with a sprinkling of West Europeans and Bulgarians among them. Another 40 Middle Eastern families are due to be settled there as soon as they have finished their training, to bring the village up to its full complement of 100 families.

The seeing members of the families have been assisted into developing auxiliary farms, something they had never done before. Now some are already selling their produce to the nearby town. At first, Malben promised a goat to those who grew vegetables successfully. Twelve goats have already been distributed. When the others saw the goats arrive, they set to work, growing vegetables. Now another 15 goats will be brought to the village, while those whose goats produce good milk will get 50 chickens. It has become a competition now.

Thus, slowly, the standard of the villagers is being raised. A cultural centre will be added soon, and there will be Hebrew lessons, lectures and musical events.

Mr. Passman expects that after the last families have been settled in the village, Malben can begin pulling out slowly, leaving the people to fend for themselves entirely.

"We must have patience and let the blind get used to this enormous change that has come comparatively late in their lives," said another Malben official. "Now they may not yet know what community life means, but seven months ago they hardly knew what it meant to work for one's living."

Readers' Letters

RAILWAY ENGINEERS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I would like to draw your attention to the fact that among the Iraqi immigrants, there are quite a number of engineers with English qualifications, who have had more than ten years of experience in the Iraqi State Railways, which was considered one of the best maintained railways in the Middle East. Until 1949 the Jews constituted 92 per cent of the whole staff responsible for the running of the 650 miles of lines in Iraq. The director general was a Jew as well as the majority of engineers.

These engineers and specialists offered their services to our Ministry of Communications but the proposed salaries were so low that they were obliged to seek other work in order to maintain their families.

Couldn't the Ministry in question do something about taking advantage of this valuable experience?

Yours, etc.,
H. NESSIM
Jerusalem, April 9.

TEXTILE POINTS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—When the points-system was introduced for textiles we were promised 86 points for a year. After investigations of a special committee, the Ministry agreed to the allocation of 100 points. Since then 8 months have elapsed and we have had the use of only 50 points. Housewives and mothers carefully planned how to spend these points for winter clothing, because they rightly presumed that before the summer new points would be released for summer clothing. Recently we were told that in June or July new ration-books will be distributed. This means that we lose 50 points promised to us 8 months ago.

If I don't want to resort to the black market, what can I do to buy the necessary summer clothing, especially for my children who have outgrown their last summer's clothes?

Yours, etc.,
G. FALK
Nahariya, April 10.

MUSICAL DIARY

LISTENING again, after an interval of nearly 25 years, to Professor Max Rostal playing as soloist in Kol Israel's Tuesday night concert was quite an event. He offered a beautiful and noble interpretation of Mozart's Violin Concerto in A-major. The orchestra, conducted by Walter Goehr, was sound in Mendelssohn's shining overture "Fingal's Cave," but lacked inspiration, especially in the *andante*, in the performance of Mozart's "Jupiter" symphony.

The symphony was not improved by a broadcast interruption during the third movement, apparently due to bad timing. Although it was Mozart's last, it was by no means intended to be an "Unfinished Symphony." *FRANGO*

Alexander Borowsky

THE pianist Alexander Borowsky, who first visited this country in the early thirties, gave a successful concert at the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv last Thursday. Mr. Borowsky's virtuosity and his reflective quality, combined with an instinct for drama, made for fascinating renditions of Beethoven's "32 Variations," and Chopin's "B Flat Minor" sonata.

In fact, the performance of the Beethoven work was almost hectic, but without losing anything of its formal greatness. The dramatic ingredients of the Chopin Sonata were stressed, and the celebrated "Marche Funebre" was played eloquently.

The technical skill and sensitive touch of the artist were evident in the opening piece of the programme, Bach's "English Suite in A Minor," the left hand being most expressive. The second part of the programme consisted of Prokofieff's "Visions Fugitives," some not very important sketches which were splendidly played, Glazounov's "Concert Study" in C Major, and some smaller pieces by Liszt. —Mo.

Abroad

Radio Hilversum (The Netherlands) broadcast an all-Ben Haim programme executed by the Jerusalem musician, A. Zemanek (piano), and Juup Raphael (viola). Mr. Zemanek also conducted a concert of the Amsterdam Conservatoire orchestra at the Bach Hall.

When Vladimir Horowitz was taken ill suddenly, Sigi Weissenberg took his place at a concert of the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Vladimir Bakaleinikoff. Mr. Weissenberg scored a great success.

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MOVE TO ELIMINATE BUREAUCRACY

Tito's Economy Re-Organized

By Eugene Kamenka

MARSHAL Tito's latest reorganization of his economy — relieving 11 Federal Ministers of their posts and abolishing 18 Federal Ministries and Departments — is clearly no political purge or resifting of top personalities on standards of political and personal loyalty. The inclusion among those relieved of their portfolios of Boris Kidric, a key figure in Yugoslavia's Politburo and still head of the Economic Council which planned the details of the reorganization, is ample evidence of that. Nor, indeed, is there any reason to suppose that those relieved will not continue to fulfil their other — in many cases more important — tasks in the Politburo, the Upper or Lower Houses of the Federal Parliament and in the Commissions and Councils of the Federated Yugoslav State.

The purpose and effect of the new reorganizations, then, as Western diplomats and correspondents were quick to point out — is largely economic. It is a further move in the policy of decentralization announced by Tito at the beginning of last year, and carried out in frequent telescoping of ministries and departments during 1950. Insofar as this economic aspect is concerned, it is merely a recognition of the fact that over-organization is by no means the best or most efficient organization. That was the significance of the reduction of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture last year from 600 to a coordinating commission of some 50 officials, and it is the main significance of the decentralization of industry, public health and education, announced in Belgrad last Saturday.

Soviet System Opposed

However it is impossible to regard an economic reorganization as having no political implications, particularly in a planned society where the power of economic bodies is paramount. The Yugoslavs themselves are the first to draw attention to the fact that their new development stands in basic opposition to the way in which the planned economy has developed in Russia.

The official theory was made clear at a press conference in Belgrade early last year, when Vladimir Dedijer, then head of the Ministry of Information and now a key figure in the Upper House, forecast the energetic decentralization of industries and handing over of factories to the control of the workers. Besides eliminating unproductive over-staffing, he stressed, the policy had a major socio-political significance. By giving the individual more responsibility in the task of economic reconstruction, it gives him economic control and hence freedom.

Milovan Djilas, prominent Politburo figure and one of the heads of the Propaganda Division "Agitprop," stressing the fact that one of the tasks of the "revolutionary bureaucracy is to take over and fulfil those administrative functions previously fulfilled by the capitalist owner" warned that this bred a danger — the danger that the new bureaucracy would seek to perpetuate itself. This, according to Djilas, is what happened in the Soviet Union, and accounts both for the internal Soviet repression and, more important, for its non-socialist and self-seeking foreign policy. (It is interesting to note how much this theory owes both to Leon Trozky's criticism of Stalinism as "the Thermidorian reaction" that follows every revolution, and Burnham's famous revision of Marxism to allow for the emergence of a third class — the managers and administrators who capture the political power once held by the capitalists.) In Yugoslavia, then, Djilas, concluded, the task of the revolutionary bureaucracy is to lay the foundations that will allow for its own elimination, to hand down control wherever possible and minimize central direction. His speech was instantly followed by an officially-inspired campaign of cartoons and witticisms against Yugoslavia's bureaucracy.

We may disagree with the possibility of any movement, particularly a bureaucracy, destroying the foundations of their own existence, but we cannot dismiss completely the sincerity of the Yugoslav attempt. The best example that the new move is in many ways sincere is the fact that Kidric relieved himself of the post of President of the Federal Planning Commission, responsible for the drawing up and implementation of the Five Year Plan, and is specifically excluded in last year's announcements of coming reorganizations.

Tito All-Powerful

Nevertheless, one can hardly see the new move, or even the theory behind it, as a swing toward the West or as a genuine democratization of the Yugoslav State. The all-powerful Ministry of the Interior, led by Tito's "strong man" Aleksander Rankovic, main target of Soviet attacks, has not been "decentralized" and never will be. Nor has the principle of centralism been abandoned in the Communist Party, or in the all-permeating "People's Front" Organization it controls. The position of the regional authorities and workers' committees in the factories will be genuine in the sense that they will make administrative decisions on a regional level, and will have real and not merely puppet functions to perform. But the slightest sign of factionalism within such a committee, the least deviation in policy is certain to be suppressed ruthlessly and efficiently.

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